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Dr. McMillan  
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**Dear Dr. McMillan:**

This is Quentin, now a 3<sup>rd</sup>-year student in pharmacology and Master of Management dual degree. I hope you are doing well, staying healthy and happy in this pandemic, and hope to see COVID numbers improve soon in Alberta. I am also really excited to see what happens to our manuscript submissions! I hope they are approved. I was wondering if you would be willing to provide me with a strong reference for a summer studentship in therapeutic strategies in combating lung cancer at the Lockwood lab at the BC Cancer Research Centre.

Since you have gotten to know me so well over these last couple of years, I thought it would be best to reach out to you to explain my previous research-related experience, my roles, and capabilities. The lab in question is looking for Pharmacology students such as me, as they use therapeutics to study the mechanisms of lung cancer. I believe that my clinical research background with you and Dr. Goodarzi could prove very valuable, as I could bring a unique perspective to the table.

Your reference would be of utmost importance, considering that you can vouch for my research skills and their interesting indirect applicability to bench-based research such as this. It means all the more coming from you, a physician and clinical professor from a world-class institution.

Please let me know if you have any further questions. I have attached my application package in case you were interested in learning more about the opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Quentin Michalchuk*

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